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TECOLOTE VILLAGE MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS IN SHOOTING DEATH

TUCSON, Ariz. – Gordon Michael Jose, 43, of the Tecolote Village, Tohono O'odham Nation, Ariz., was sentenced here on August 9, 2005 to 240 months in prison by U.S. District Judge David Bury. Jose pleaded guilty to Second Degree Murder on March 1, 2005 for the shooting death of Andrew Lopez in 2004.

On June 14, 2004, Jose was driving to the Cowlic Village on the Tohono O'odham Indian Reservation with the victim, Andrew Lopez. Jose claimed that he became involved in an argument with Lopez regarding which of the two was the better medicine man. The defendant admitted that he shot Lopez seven to eight times with a 45. caliber semiautomatic handgun during the argument. The crime scene investigation revealed that Lopez was shot five times, including twice in the face and once in the back through the heart. The investigation also revealed, and Jose admitted, that he was moving toward Lopez as he fired the shots. The defendant contacted law enforcement following the shooting.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the FBI and the Tohono O'Odham Police Department. The prosecution was handled by David Paul Flannigan, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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